

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Carl J. Luna.

Information: Staff research discovered that in addition to being a political science professor at a San Diego community college and a political science lecturer at the University of San Diego, Applicant has become a regular source of political analysis for reporters writing articles about San Diego politics, and sometimes state and national politics. Also, Applicant is a contributing writer to *San Diego City Beat Magazine*, an alternative news publication in San Diego. Applicant writes a regular blog called "Political Lunacy" that appears on the magazine's website. The topics of Applicant's blog have largely related to San Diego politics, but state, national, and even international political issues have been discussed. Staff did not find anything written by Applicant about redistricting. Applicant appears to avoid being overtly partisan in what he writes, but he is very opinionated. In one blog, for example, he referred to the supporters of presidential candidate Ron Paul as being "very nuts." Applicant has a presence in the San Diego media, and he has been invited to moderate local political debates..

In addition to what Applicant has written for the popular media, he has written some scholarly articles for political science publications. He also is the author of an American government textbook entitled *People & Politics*, which he regularly updates, is a contributing author to an anthology of presidential biographies entitled *Public Pillars and Private Lives* and a contributing author to the textbook *The Western Dream of Civilization: The Modern World (Volume II)*..

In Applicant's first essay answer on his supplemental application, he mentioned serving on "PTG boards" Staff asked Applicant to explain what that means. Applicant responded that it is a Parent-Teacher Group that functions like a Parent-Teacher Association..

Staff observed that in the "Family Information" section of his supplemental application, Applicant reported that he has a bona fide relationship with all of his listed family members, including his siblings and their spouses. Staff asked Applicant whether this is accurate. Applicant replied that it is accurate as his mother and siblings share with him an ownership interest in his house..

Staff contacted Donna Frye, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Ms. Frye confirmed that she wrote the letter of recommendation. Ms. Frye stated that Applicant is a facilitator who works to put people at ease, allowing them to open-up in group.

settings. According to Ms. Frye, Applicant was effective while moderating a debate between her and an opponent during a city council race. Ms. Frye also mentioned that Applicant is effective at introducing a specific idea into a group decision-making process and enabling others to claim the idea as their own when reaching a conclusion. She further stated that Applicant is very objective when considering all issues and manages to get his point across when guiding a group toward a conclusion.

Recommendation: None.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations.

Report Date: September 17, 2010.